GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3607
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Development of Salt Industry
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Gujarat produces more than 70% common salt and more than 57% of total salt produced in India and for that, Rs. 40 crore are spent each year by the State Government for the development of Salt Industry and various welfare activities of salt workers;

(b) whether the Government is also aware that in August, 2012, a meeting was held between Government of Gujarat and Government of India to discuss Budget allocation for specific schemes/projects for development of salt industry and agarias;

(c) if so, the action taken or is being taken by the Government to reimburse the State Government for its expenditure amounting of Rs. 40 crores each years on development of salt industry schemes/projects and welfare schemes for the Salt Workers; and

(d) whether the Central Government would consider to support State Government"s Salt Projects so that more projects and better activities can be taken up to enlarge salt producing areas and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Yes Madam.
(b): No such meeting was held in August, 2012 between the Union Government and the Government of Gujarat to discuss Budget allocation for specific schemes/projects for development of salt industry and agarias.
(c): Does not arise.
(d): A specific and concrete proposal as and when received from the State Government will be examined.
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